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PURPOSE OF LABOR INJUNCTION ALWAYS CONCEALED

The purpose of the labor injunction is always concealed by lurid talk of "threats" and "danger of violence" that employer attorneys have.

They would have the public believe our police system, its secret service adjunct and the vast machinery to enforce criminal law are impotent during a strike; that a federal judge can bring order out of chaos by signing a piece of paper.

Were strikers (excluding the spies placed amongst them) so tactless that they believed violence would succeed, every civilized power would be against them, including the army, would rightfully be thrown against them.

The employer is never alarmed about his plant property that can be protected by law. He wants the injunction to

break a strike when it interferes with his profits and output. Picketing prevents him from securing competent workers and strikers' appeals for sympathy and moral support lessen his income.

The employer can not secure redress in a court of law, as the strikers have violated no law.

By labeling the workers' exercise of their lawful rights "an attack on property," the employer gets into the equity courts. The alleged "property" is good will and patronage, which until recently were considered personal rights inherent in individuals.

This inclusion of intangible, non-transferable things in the property list is the base of the labor injunction.

The injunction judge assures workers

they have the right to strike, to picket and to seek moral support of their fellow citizens, but they must not "conspire" to do so. The "conspiracy" exists whenever their strike is illegal.

Equity courts talk of enjoining violence, but this is stage scenery.

Citation for criminal contempt—for violating criminal law—are so rare that they need not be considered.

It is the protection of prospective income and intangible good will and patronage, now called "property," that the injunction is aimed to protect.

In none of the outstanding injunctions has the defendant been named as Bedford cut stone, the Truax, Granite City and Duplex cases—were violence or criminal contempt of the law.

All of these defendants of liberty were intended to break lawful strikes that were

called a "conspiracy" when they became effective.

The labor injunction is a strikebreaking weapon. Its purpose is to awe and intimidate strikers who are unable to force concessions from the employers.

By means of the injunction the employer is aided by every power of government in his opposition to workers' demands, while the public is assured that the only purpose is to maintain "law and order."

The effect of this process is more far-reaching than breaking a strike. It undermines the foundation of government by law and entrines one man who acts as "law" maker, "law" interpreter and "law" enforcer—only when workers are in the breach of the law.

The American system of government by law functions in all other cases.

Self trust is the essence of heroism.—Emerson.



FIVE-DAY WEEK ENJOINED; WORKERS WILL SNUB EDICT

New York, Feb. 9.—This city was given another sample of one-man justice when Supreme Court Justice Aaron J. Levy enjoin the Electrical Contractors' Association from putting into effect their agreement for a five-day week. Former wages of \$66 for a five and one-half day week is increased to \$67.20. Two thousand electrical workers are included in the thou-shall-not-decrease.

The complainant is the Building Trades' Employers' Association, who have an agreement with the Building Trades Council that covers wages and hours for 150,000 building mechanics in Greater New York. The building employers charge that the electrical employers and employees violated this agreement.

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FASCIST SPIES CREATE TROUBLE; AMERICA IS IN WORLD-WIDE NET

Washington, Feb. 9.—Trade unionists of Italian birth, together with other citizens of that nationality, object to the admission into this country of Signor Piero Parini, secretary-general of Mussolini's Fascist Organizations in North America.

Parini is declared a spy and is here to operate through the Fascist League of North America, the spy system that Mussolini maintains throughout the world.

Trade unionists of Italian birth, who serve the property of any Italian living in the United States, do not oppose the Fascist in his adopted country, but they do oppose a spy who is a traitor to his own people.

The Fascist unionists in this country to conceal their philosophy. They assure the public that their party is no different than the moderate or Republican party, which in fact the Fascist control Italy. They have seized the Italian government and abolished the democratic system, and popular assembly, made parliament a puppet and supplied the country by Fascist labor organizations controlled by the State. No Italian can be a candidate for parliament without the approval of the Fascist Grand Council.

Fascism is autocracy. The State is placed above the individual. The ruler has no inherent rights, as the ruler has these rights as optional to the State.

The wide difference between democracy and Fascism is pointed out by Signor G. D'Amico, royal Italian consul in Baltimore, who recently stated in an English speech that he is a member of the Fascist League of North America.

"Fascism," the legislative power, must be above the executive power, as the liberal theory opposes.

UNIONISTS RESIST CONTROL BY COURTS

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 9.—The State Federation of Labor is resisting a court order that would give the State the right to control the wages and hours contracts between employers and employees.

The unionists insist that the law was designed to not affect business contracts, but to protect the sale and was not intended to apply to the complicated relations between business and labor.

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OUR UNIONS ASK MORE; WHY NOT?

The New York Federation of Labor favors a state law which will compel tenement house builders to erect damp-proof and water-proof structures.

This movement is another demand of the charge that organized labor is only a "union" and not a "movement" in higher wages.

Were this true, however, it is a human trait, and accords with the spirit of every age.

The unionists demand more and our sky-sailing intelligentsia friends watch dividends on their investments as they dabble, as a side line, in workers' problems and criticize the unions.

It is true workers seek a greater share of the national wealth, but who has a better right? Higher wages and higher living standards, more education and culture, more leisure.

Were this the single accomplishment by organized labor, our movement would be justified.

The trade unions seek higher wages, just as other groups and individuals demand more of the good things of life, but the trade unions have other objectives.

They are the spear head in every attack against social injustice, which is the demand for more of the good things of life. Snarls and criticism bring publicity, but accomplishments count.

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Iron Workers' Ancient Art Is Gone; Replaced By Scientists' New Plan

Washington, Feb. 9.—Starting changes through labor-displacing machinery and processes on the part of the Iron Workers' Association, in an address at a luncheon given by the Printers' Progressive Club to the Board of Governors of the International Allied Printing and Bookbinders Association.

The Iron Workers' Association has perfected a process whereby a few men can produce as much iron in 30 minutes as 350 men can produce under the old system in 10 hours.

The skill of these men is destroyed, and after a life of labor they find their skill worthless. Many of them are 50 years of age," said Mr. Davis.

Two speakers in these industries in this country that still operate on the 11 and 13-hour basis, and that this policy is indefensible.

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SEA SERVICE BUREAU AIDS VESSEL OWNERS

Washington, Feb. 9.—The Senate has adopted a resolution that no part of money appropriated for the United States Shipping Board shall maintain the board's Sea Service Bureau.

The Sea Service Bureau is the second time the House has taken such action. The House rejected the previous resolution.

The bureau was established during the World War. Its purpose was to assist the Armistice the bureau purports to be a shipping agency, but the work it claims to do is outside the jurisdiction of the shipping commission of the United States Shipping Board.

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COURT ORDER OUTLAW "FAKE RAIL UNION"

New Orleans, Feb. 9.—A case being considered by the Federal Court of Appeals involves the life of company "unions" on the railroads of the United States.

The contest is over the right of the Texas & Pacific Lines (Southern Pacific system) to ignore an act by Congress which provides that carriers shall recognize any labor organization selected by its employees.

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WESTERN UNIONISTS JOHN HAYS HONORED BY LONG ASSOCIATES

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—Officials of the California Federation of Labor call on affiliates to urge the State legislature to support labor's legislative program.

The three outstanding proposals are: a minimum wage law, a pension benefits for injury and death, and an anti-injunction bill.

Other proposals include an old-age pension law, a law to prevent the use of force by employers in the manufacture and application of labor.

Trade unionists are urged to write their State legislators and explain these facts. "If we show an interest in the welfare of ourselves and our fellow citizens, we are bound to improve legislation," said Paul Scharenberg, secretary-treasurer of the federation.

MEDIATOR IS UNFAIR; WORKERS OPPOSE NEFF

Washington, Feb. 9.—The resignation of former Governor Pat M. Neff of Texas as a member of the Federal Mediation Board, proposed by the railroad shop men's union, has been accepted by the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce.

Mr. Neff, according to his own testimony, investigated a labor dispute between the railroad shop men and the railroad company, and was found to be unfair.

The workers also charged that Governor Neff advised them to join a company union.

REOPENING OF INQUIRY IN BAKING CASE ASKED

Washington, Feb. 9.—The Senate Committee on the Judiciary has passed a resolution suggesting to the Federal Trade Commission that it should reopen its inquiry into the case of the Baker's Union.

The committee's action is a part of a larger effort to reform the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission.

INDUSTRIAL PAGANISM FAVORED BY MAGAZINE

Washington, Feb. 9.—The Weekly Bulletin of the National Catholic Welfare Conference makes sharp reply to the Saturday Evening Post's challenge to Protestant churches that it is "not aware that economic issues lay within church activities," meaning thereby to deny any except, perhaps, the slightest relation between religion and economic life.

The Bulletin declares that "this is contrary to the Catholic attitude which holds that justice and other social issues are inseparable in buying and selling, lending and borrowing, and hiring and being hired." It also declares that "the Catholic Church is not aware that economic issues lay within church activities," meaning thereby to deny any except, perhaps, the slightest relation between religion and economic life.

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BOSSSES WOULD SWEEP BACK TIDES OF OCEAN

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CALLS ON MAYORS IN FOOD COST PROBE

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LIMIT ON WAR PROFITS SOUGHT AS PEACE PLAN

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